



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 8046**  
Kazuo HIRAOKA et al. : Docket No. 2003-1321  
Serial No. 10/661,584 : Group Art Unit 1725  
Filed September 15, 2003 : Examiner Clifford C. Shaw  
WELDING METHOD AND : **Mail Stop Amendment**  
WELDED JOINT STRUCTURE

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